

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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A Phase II Archeological Evaluation of Site 18HO254: An Archeological Resource
Associated with "Montjoy" in Howard County, Maryland.
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Sites examined:

18HO254

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[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II ☒

Phase III

Project Justification:

Site 18HO254 was identified during a Phase I archeological survey of the greater Montjoy Farm property. This property was purchased by a housing developer and Phase II evaluation of the site was connected with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended) and the desire by the developer to obtain a wetland permit through the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Maryland Department of Environment.

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Project Objectives:

-Based on the nature and distribution of the artifacts, determine the horizontal and vertical extent of that portion of Site 18HO254 associated with Montjoy.

-Determine if the yards surrounding Montjoy (as part of Site 18HO254) contain soils with good stratigraphic integrity and whether such soils contain well-preserved artifacts.

-Assess whether the artifacts recovered from the Montjoy yards of Site 18HO254 are part of minor artifact scatters or high-density artifact deposits and/or intact cultural features (such as trash pits or middens).

-Determine what additional evidence exists for the construction dates of the Montjoy mansion and its three associated outbuildings. More specifically, determine if the artifact recovery supports the occupation period of Montjoy as determined by historical research and a 20th century construction date for the garage/workshop and its stone foundation.

-Determine if the artifact recovery supports the assumed functions of the various Montjoy outbuildings, i.e., the kitchen, smokehouse, and garage/works shed.

-Determine what statements can be made about the socio-economic status of the historic residents of Montjoy.

-Assess whether the historic component of Site 18HO254 surrounding Montjoy is a significant archeological resource and whether it offers research value to Howard County or greater Maryland.

-Determine whether that portion of Site 18HO254, which surrounds Montjoy, should be designated as a contributing resource of this National Register eligible historic property and if similar Howard county sites have been considered eligible.

Research Potential:

Montjoy (18HO254) was discovered to be a significant historical resource, both from a temporal and material-content standpoint. Based on material content, the resource was determined to lie in soils considered to have good stratigraphic integrity, and in selected areas, contain high-density and stratified artifact deposits. Furthermore, these deposits contained well-preserved artifacts, including bone, nails, metal, and wooden buttons, and coinage. Finally, several intact features were identified within the Montjoy portion of the site. Based on these findings, the Montjoy Site is believed to have important historical and archeological research value, particularly towards better understanding of the lifeways of those occupying Montjoy during the early-to-mid 19th century.